

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Steven M. Pirner has worked for the state of South Dakota in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) since 1979, and worked his way up the ranks as Office Administrator, Division Director, Acting Secretary and finally Department Secretary; and,

*Whereas*, Steve's professional career also includes serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, working as a "fed" as the South Dakota State Engineer for Region 8 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and as an assistant professor for his alma mater; and,

*Whereas*, Steve earned his Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and is also a registered professional engineer in South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Steve is dedicated to his profession as shown by his membership in a number of professional organizations, including the American Society of Civil Engineers and the South Dakota Engineering Society; and,

*Whereas*, Steve exhibits exceptional expertise and ability to meet both the technical, legal and social demands of environmental issues and has always worked diligently to provide exceptional customer service; and,

*Whereas*, Steve has lived through numerous organizational changes, department secretaries and governors and managed to adapt to all those situations; and,

*Whereas*, Steve's efforts to make the DENR the best possible department in state government are revealed by his late-night work sessions with the radio blaring in the background, e-mails sent anytime past midnight on any given day and by promoting public safety, not only through his commitment to environmental protection, but also by keeping his '68 Corvette on blocks in a garage; and,

*Whereas*, Steve should be recognized for these past 30 years of dedicated public service:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2006, as

### *STEVE PIRNER DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

*M. Michael Rounds*  
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Attest:

*Ch. Nelson*

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State